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Town of Bridgeville
101 N. Main Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933



Bridgeville Historical Society

Check Out the new Bridgeville Historical Society's website!

bridgevillehistoricalsocietyde.org

The mission of the Bridgeville Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and share the history of Bridgeville, Delaware, and the northwest quadrant of Sussex County, Delaware, in order to educate present and future generations.

Upcoming Community Events:

- Community Yard Sale: **September 18**
- Clean-Up Day: **October 1**
- 2021 Bridgeville Charity Open: **October 8**
- Apple-Scrapple Festival: **October 8-9**

Still in Planning: Bridgeville Trunk or Treat, Christmas in Bridgeville

August

Welcome to the Journal!

COVID-19 Related Updates – Town Hall Reopening

We began phased reopening Town Hall to the general public on May 10, 2021. Monday Through Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM ONLY. Please note that these hours may change to protect the health and safety of our staff in light of the recently increased spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant.

Appointments can still be made on an as-needed basis from 9:00 to 4:00. Please take precautions when coming into Town Hall. If you feel sick or have any COVID-related symptoms, we ask that you stay at home and continue using the drop box, online, and phone payment options. You may also call us at (302) 337-7135 or email at townofbridgeville@gmail.com, and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Check our website and social media pages for updates often.

For payment options – payments may be mailed (please allow time for delivery), placed in the black drop box by the back door of Town Hall, made online at Bridgeville.delaware.gov, **or can call Town Hall to make a payment over the phone.** Payments must be received by the due date to avoid interest.

Property Tax Billing

Property Tax bills were mailed out to all property owners in July. As a reminder, property taxes charges are generated as of July 1 annually and are not PAST DUE until October 1, when 2% interest is added. Property owners have from receipt of the bill to September 30 to pay. If you are a newer resident, we recommend forwarding a copy of your tax bill directly to your mortgage company.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

The Town of Bridgeville is one of many towns that have received funding through the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**. We have been allocated a total of \$1.2 million to utilize over four years for COVID-related economic recovery capital improvement projects. Our Commissioners will discuss this over several workshops in the Fall as guidelines continue to be released, explaining precisely how the money can and cannot be used. We will post any updates and project-related details on our website, Bridgeville.delaware.gov, as they become available. As of yet, no decisions have been made. In the meantime, details about ARPA funding can be viewed at treasurer.delaware.gov.

Bond Bill- We learned at the end of last month that Bridgeville had been awarded \$575,000 through the state Bond Bill. Our local legislators, **Sen. Brian Pettyjohn** and **Rep. Jesse Vanderwende** granted this during the State's budget process. The total amount is based on specific capital and infrastructure improvement projects that were asked for by the town back in January. As with ARPA, the details of these projects will be available on our website once the process begins – we expect that to be around September or October.

Capital Budget- We have been working through our annual list of town-funded capital improvement projects listing over the last month and will have that list on our website in August as well. PLEASE be patient with us as we revamp how this information is presented on our website. We are rebuilding pages as we can so that the public can more easily access important data!

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Twitter [@BridgevilleDel](https://twitter.com/BridgevilleDel)

Instagram [Town_Of_Bridgeville](https://www.instagram.com/Town_Of_Bridgeville)

And also, **Nextdoor**



**Commission Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.
Commission Workshops are held on the last Monday of every month at 5:00 PM.**

Virtual meeting links and supporting documentation can be found with each agenda posted on our website one week prior, at bridgeville.delaware.gov.



"If you lived here, you would be home now."



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Important dates

August 9 - EDC Meeting
5 PM – Town Hall/Zoom
August 9 Commission Meeting
7 PM -Library/Zoom
August 17 - Planning and Zoning
6 PM - Library/Zoom
August 25 - W&S Bills Due
August 30 - Commission Workshop
5 PM – Library/Zoom
September 6 – Town Hall Closed
for Labor Day
Meetings: The public is asked to
attend by Zoom

In Memory of K9 Flash

Our hearts are heavy as retired K9 Flash passed away at the end of July.

Flash began his career in 2013 and retired in early 2021. The team of Lt. James and Flash was second to none seizing approximately \$1,000,000 in illegally obtained currency, several kilos of cocaine and heroin, not to mention the countless pounds of marijuana, and dozens of criminal apprehensions.

Flash, you will be missed. We love you and will never forget you! Rest easy, our friend!



Yard Maintenance Reminders:

Grass: No owner of land shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, hedges, bushes or shrubs, to be maintained on any property within the corporate limits of the Town of Bridgeville. No weeds, grass, or other ground cover vegetation shall exceed a height of **eight inches** at any time of the calendar year.

No hedges, bushes, shrubs, trees, or other vegetation shall be permitted to grow in such a manner as to inhibit the free passage of or present a danger to pedestrians on any street, alleyway, sidewalk, or walkway.

No weeds, grass, or other vegetation clippings, etc., shall be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk, or walkway.

Please keep grass and weeds from covering meter pit lids for ease of location and also to prevent obstructing the meter reading process. Property owners will be charged to replace or repair damaged meter or meter reading equipment caused by them or their contractor(s). It is unlawful for anyone other than Town Personnel to enter the meter pit. If caught, you will be subject to fines of up to \$250.

Remember that parking vehicles on your grass is prohibited, per Town Code. (View our entire Town Code at Bridgeville.delaware.gov)

234-87 A. Definition. An "off-street parking space" is a permanently reserved, temporary storage area for one motor vehicle that is not located on, but is directly accessible to, a dedicated street right-of-way by a paved driveway that affords ingress and egress for a motor vehicle without requiring another motor vehicle to be moved.

Surface material. Off-street parking facilities shall be surfaced with erosion-resistant material in accordance with applicable State, county, or Town standards.

Bridgeville Public Library

bridgevillepubliclibrary.com

Operating Hours Monday and Friday 10 AM-5 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 10 AM-7 PM, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM, Sunday-closed. Closed on July 3 & July 17.

Summer Reading Program Register at sussexcountyyde.beanstack.org to log your hours. Please visit our library to get your BINGO card and be eligible for our local prizes. The "End of the Summer Reading Program Luau Party" will be held on Saturday, August 14 @ 10 AM. Sherman, the Shorebirds Mascot, will be there to read a story and for pictures!

WSD Roaming Raider Food Truck every Monday to provide meals for children of WSD (ages 18 and under) at 12:10-12:25 PM in the library parking lot. Last service will be on August 9.

Rehoboth Summer Children's Theatre "Hansel & Gretel" Wednesday, August 4 @ 4 PM.

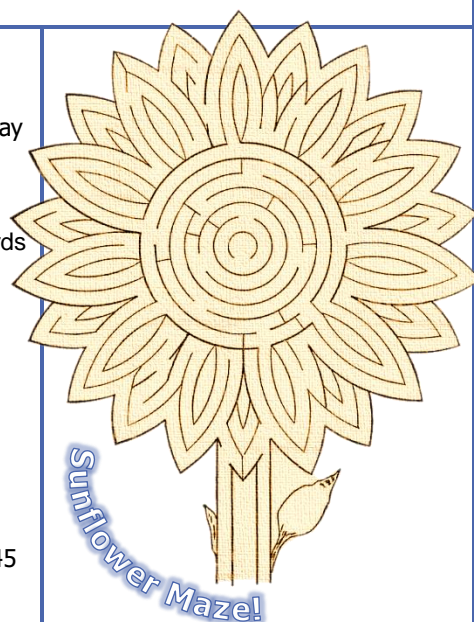
We are offering Gentle Yoga classes with Bonnie Russell (Ananda Yoga) on Thursdays at 8 AM through the month of August

A new Pilates class with Instructor Bree will be @ 9:15-10:00 AM on Saturday, August 7, and Saturday, August 21. **Teen/Tween Craft-** (ages 9-17) Thursday, August 5th @ 5pm and Saturday, August 7th @ 10am- Tile Art. Call the library (302) 337-7401 ext. 101 to sign up.

Grab-N-Go Bags-new ones are available for pick-up on Monday, August 9.

Small Town Gaming "FREE Gaming" will be at the library on Saturday, August 28, from 10 AM-1:45 PM.

-For more details on these programs, see our Website or Facebook page-



Contact Information

Town Hall: (302) 337-7135 Fax: (302) 337-7817
For After Hour Emergencies please call the
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Police Department:(302) 337-8302

Non-Emergency:(302) 337-8305

Fax: (302) 337-8359

Bridgeville Fire Dept. (302) 337-7272

Fire, Ambulance, Police: 911

State Police, Troop 5 (302) 337-1090

Sussex County: (302) 855-7700

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